

City of Newburgh

Press Release

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RESCISSION OF STATE OF EMERGENCY

As City Manager of the City of Newburgh, I, Michael G. Ciaravino, hereby rescind, effective immediately, the declaration of the state of emergency issued by me on May 2, 2016, under the authority given me under Section 24 of the New York State Executive Law.

The State of Emergency was declared due to the discovery of Perfluorooctane Sulfonate (PFOS) in Silver Stream and Washington Lake, posing a potential threat to public health and safety. However, with extraordinary efficiency and hard work, our Water Department, Engineering Staff and Department of Public Works Staff have successfully started up the pump station at Brown's Pond, opened the tap to the Catskill Aqueduct and turned off our supply from Washington Lake. I now believe that our water is safe to drink while we work on the longer term issue of finding a permanent solution to the problem.

While we operate under these interim measures, the Stage III water conservation measures announced on May 2, 2016, will remain in place on an emergency basis. The Water Superintendent has published restrictions on water use as follows:

1. The serving of water at a food service establishment, except at the specific request of a patron.
2. The use of water for washing of paved surfaces, including but not limited to streets, roads, sidewalks, driveways, garages, parking areas, tennis courts and patios.
3. The use of water for nonagricultural irrigation and watering of lawns, flower gardens, landscaped areas, trees, shrubs or other outdoor plants.

4. The use of water for ornamental purposes, including but not limited to fountains, artificial waterfalls and reflecting pools.
5. The use of water for noncommercial washing or cleaning of automobiles, trucks, trailers or any other vehicle.
6. The use of water from a fire hydrant, except for fire-fighting or public health protection.
7. The use of water for flushing of sewers or hydrants, except as deemed necessary for public health and safety.
8. The use of water for watering or sprinkling any portion of a golf course, except for greens.
9. The use of water or steam for the cleaning of buildings or any other structures' exteriors.
10. The use of water for the operation of ice-skating rinks.
11. The use of water for the commercial washing or cleaning of automobiles, trucks, trailers or any other vehicle by facilities which do not recycle water.
12. The use of water for the filling or the operation of a swimming pool, partly artificial swimming pool, bathing beach or any swimming facility under permit pursuant to Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code, which is not open to the general public.
13. The use of water in a residence in excess of 50 gallons per resident per day.
14. The use of water in a commercial or industrial facility in excess of 75% of said user's average daily consumption for the immediately preceding 12 months.
15. When the immediately preceding 12 months' daily average consumption for said water is not available, the average daily water consumption of said user for the 90 days immediately preceding the declaration of Stage II emergency shall be used.

16. The use of water for residential agricultural purposes and golf course greens.
17. The use of water for the filling or operation of a swimming pool, partly artificial swimming pool, bathing beach or any swimming facility under permit pursuant to Part 6 of the New York State Sanitary Code. This prohibition shall include but not be limited to the use of water for the filling or the operation of any swimming facility under the control of any governmental subdivision.

Michael G. Ciaravino
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